

How are we doing in Wales?

Public Engagement Survey on Health and Wellbeing during Coronavirus Measures

Week 16 (20th to 26th July 2020)

Public Health Wales are conducting a public engagement telephone survey to ask members of the public in Wales how coronavirus and related control measures are affecting their health and wellbeing.

The information collected from **500 or more randomly selected individuals** provides the basis of the results presented in each **weekly report**.

The survey aims to provide data representative of the Welsh population and data are adjusted to represent the Welsh population by age, sex and deprivation. In some weeks, new questions are added and others removed, depending on emerging issues at that time.

This week's report contains routine measures seen in previous reports and includes a new question about vaccination.

We thank the people of Wales for giving us their valuable time to support this work.



604 Welsh residents aged 18 years and over were interviewed in week 16 of the survey (20th to 26th July).

77%

of people think that the restrictions in place to manage coronavirus are ‘about right’.

42%

of people left their home every day in the last week; up from 34% in week 14.

44%

of people came into close contact (within 1 metre) with at least 3 people from outside their household or extended household in the last 7 days.

60%

of people wear face coverings when going out (24% most of the time and 36% some of the time); up from 51% in week 14.

54%

of people had washed their hands with soap and water or used hand sanitiser more than 10 times on the day before survey; up from 51% in week 14.

83%

of people would want to be vaccinated against coronavirus if a vaccine were to become available; 10% would not and 7% are unsure.

Do you think you have or have had coronavirus?

Yes	13%
Don't know	8%

How worried are you that you could get coronavirus?

Excludes those answering 'yes' to having had coronavirus

Not at all	23%
A little	33%
Moderately	28%
Very	15%

Has someone close to you like a family member or friend become seriously ill* with coronavirus?

Yes	10%
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* hospitalised or died

How well are we handling coronavirus?

Do you think the restrictions in place to manage coronavirus are...

Too little 13%



About right 77%



Too much 10%



I would prefer to stay in lockdown until there is no chance of catching coronavirus

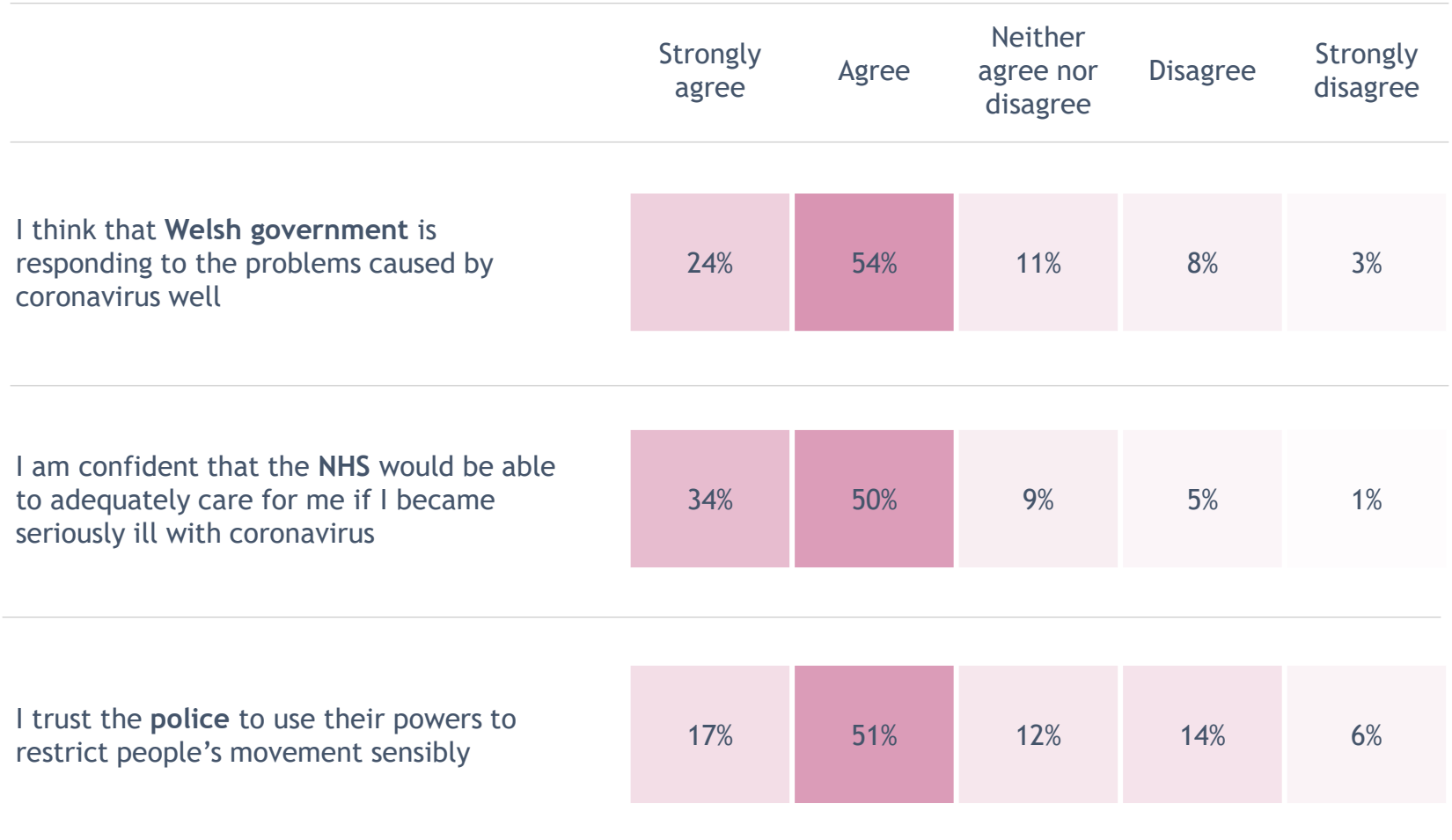
Agree 34%

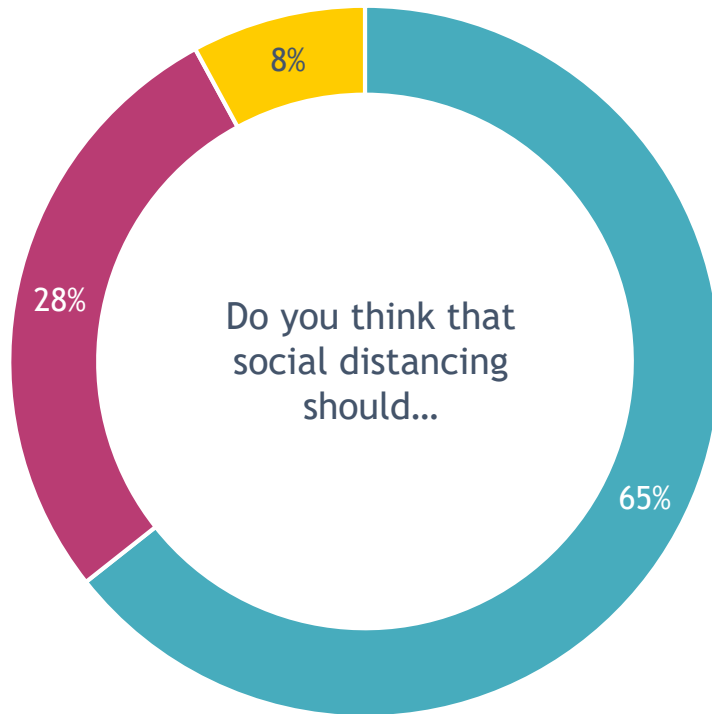


Disagree 50%



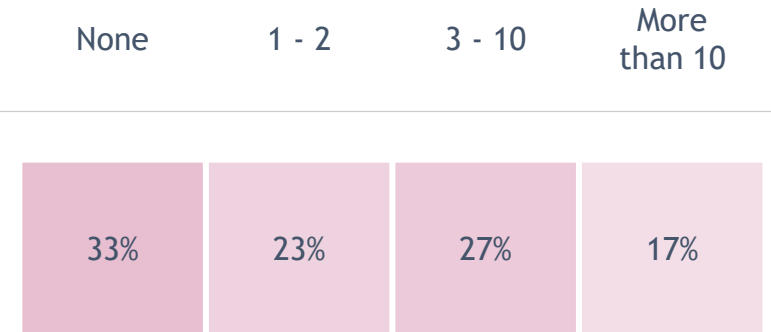
Undecided 16%



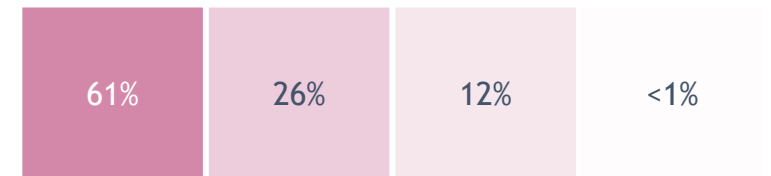


- Remain at 2 metres
- Be reduced to 1 metre
- Be removed completely

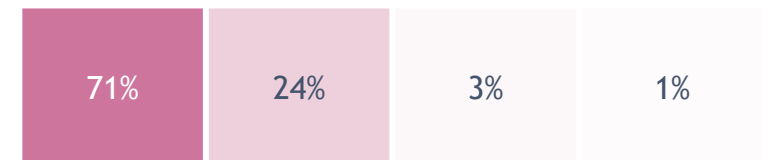
In the last 7 days, how many people from outside your household or your extended household* have you come into close contact with, meaning within 1 metre?



In the last 7 days, how many people have come into your house other than the people you usually live with or members of your extended household*?



In the last 7 days, how many other people's houses have you been into, excluding that of your extended household*?

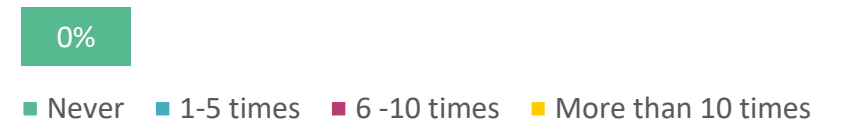


*The wording of these questions was revised in week 16 to include extended households.

Currently, when you go out, do you wear a face covering...



* do not go out



If a vaccine became available that protected against coronavirus infection...

Would you personally want to be vaccinated?

Yes 83%



No 10%



Unsure 7%



For those with children in the household:*

Would you want your children to be vaccinated?

Yes 78%



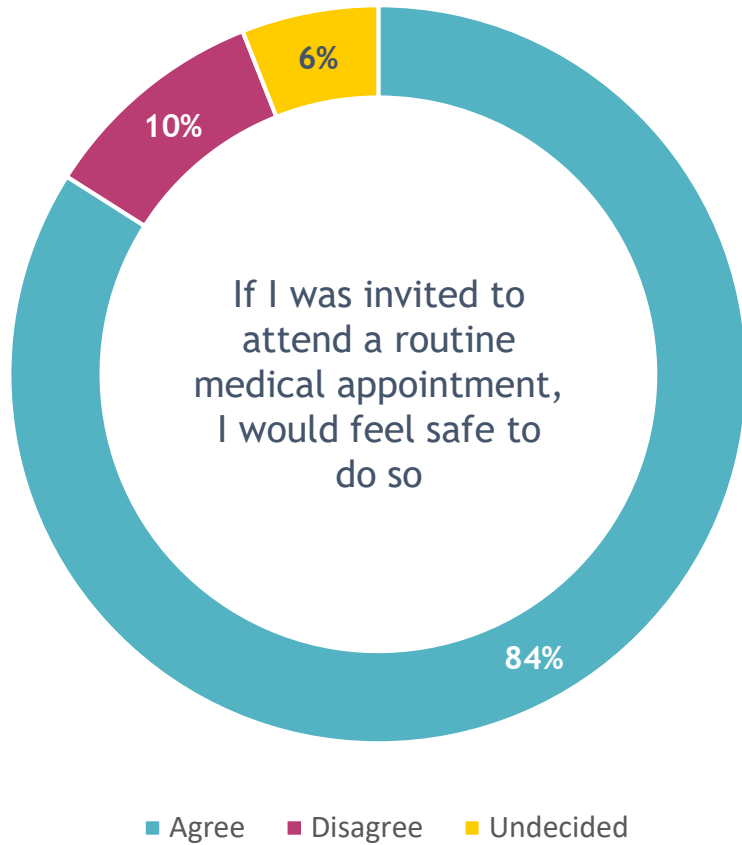
No 8%



Unsure 13%



*Limited to those with children living in the household; excluding those responding 'not applicable'; unweighted data.



As the current restrictions are lifted, which measures do you think should be put in place to protect people?

	Yes	No	Unsure
People should be made to wear face coverings in public places	71%	23%	6%
People who leave their homes should be regularly tested to see if they have the virus	62%	31%	7%
People should not share cars with people they do not live with	53%	36%	10%
People working in shops should wear face coverings or visors	85%	12%	3%

When do you think the following changes should happen?

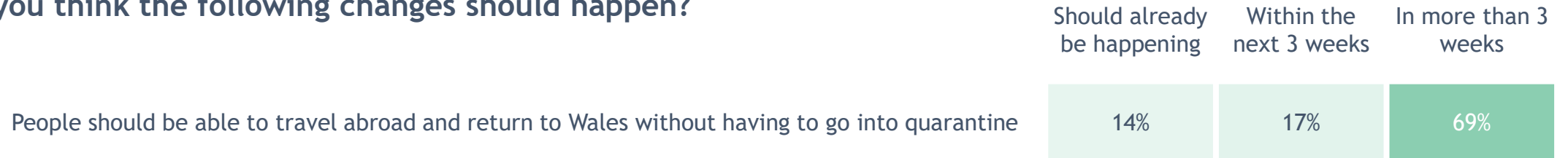
	Should already be happening	Within the next 3 weeks	In more than 3 weeks
Major events like sports & concerts should be able to run	5%	10%	85%
Social distancing restrictions should be ended for close family and friends that do not live together or form part of an extended household*	32%	36%	32%
Cancer screening appointments should re-start (e.g. for breast, bowel and cervical cancer)	86%	11%	4%

Which of the following do you find acceptable?

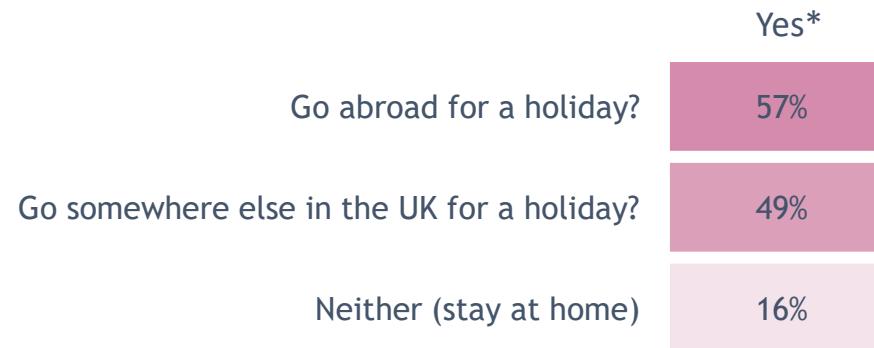
	Yes	No	Unsure
People that deliberately disobey social distancing measures being fined	81%	14%	5%
Infection levels going up a little as a result of some restrictions being removed	57%	33%	10%

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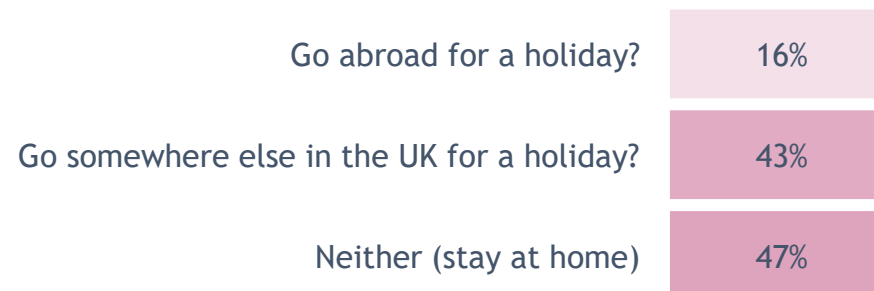
When do you think the following changes should happen?



In a normal summer would you...



This summer, if restrictions on holidays were removed and there was no quarantine on returning, would you try to...



* Participants could select more than one option

Thinking about children returning to school, how concerned would you be about the following?

I would prefer schools to remain closed until there is no chance of children catching coronavirus

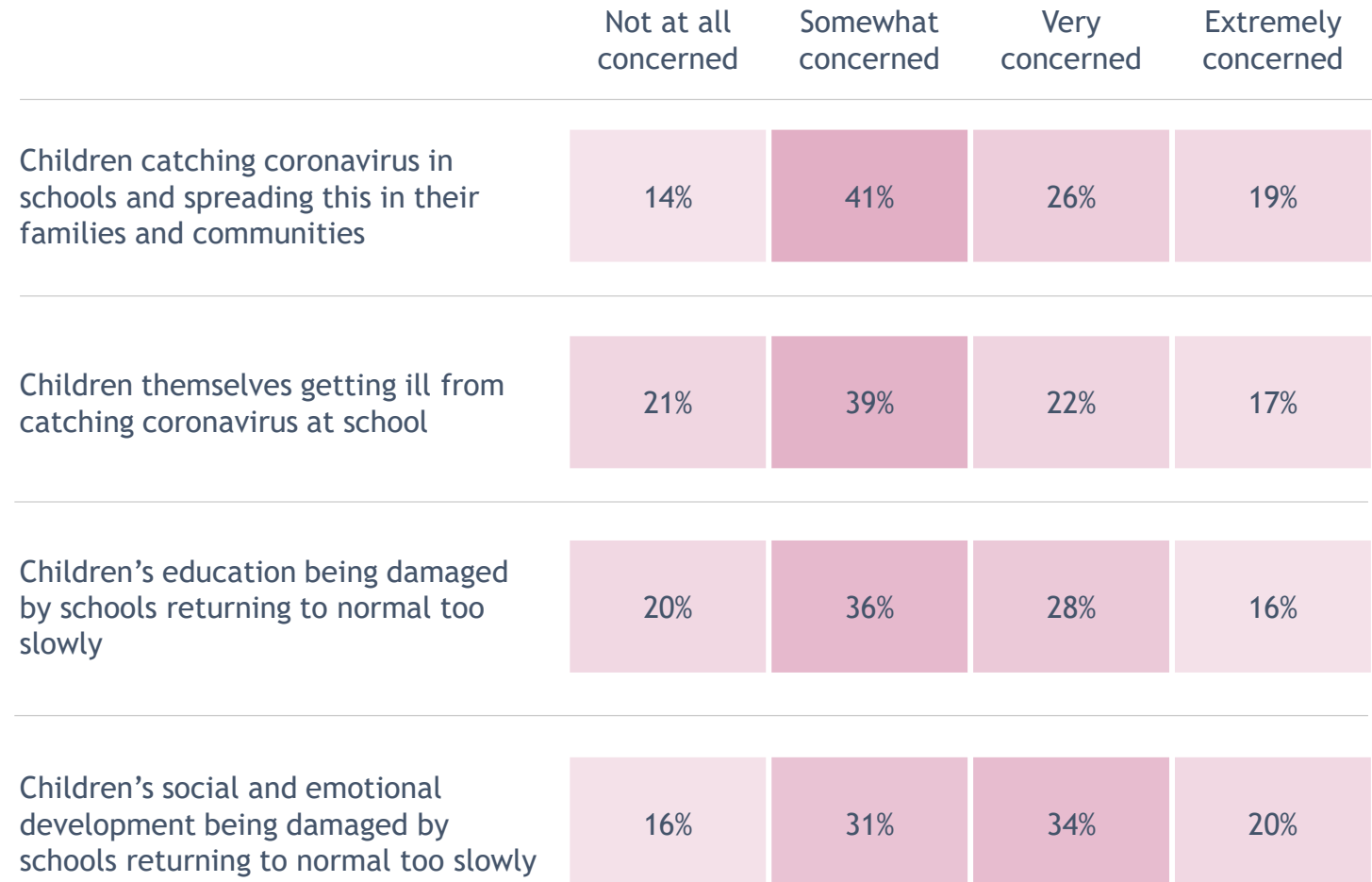
Agree 41%



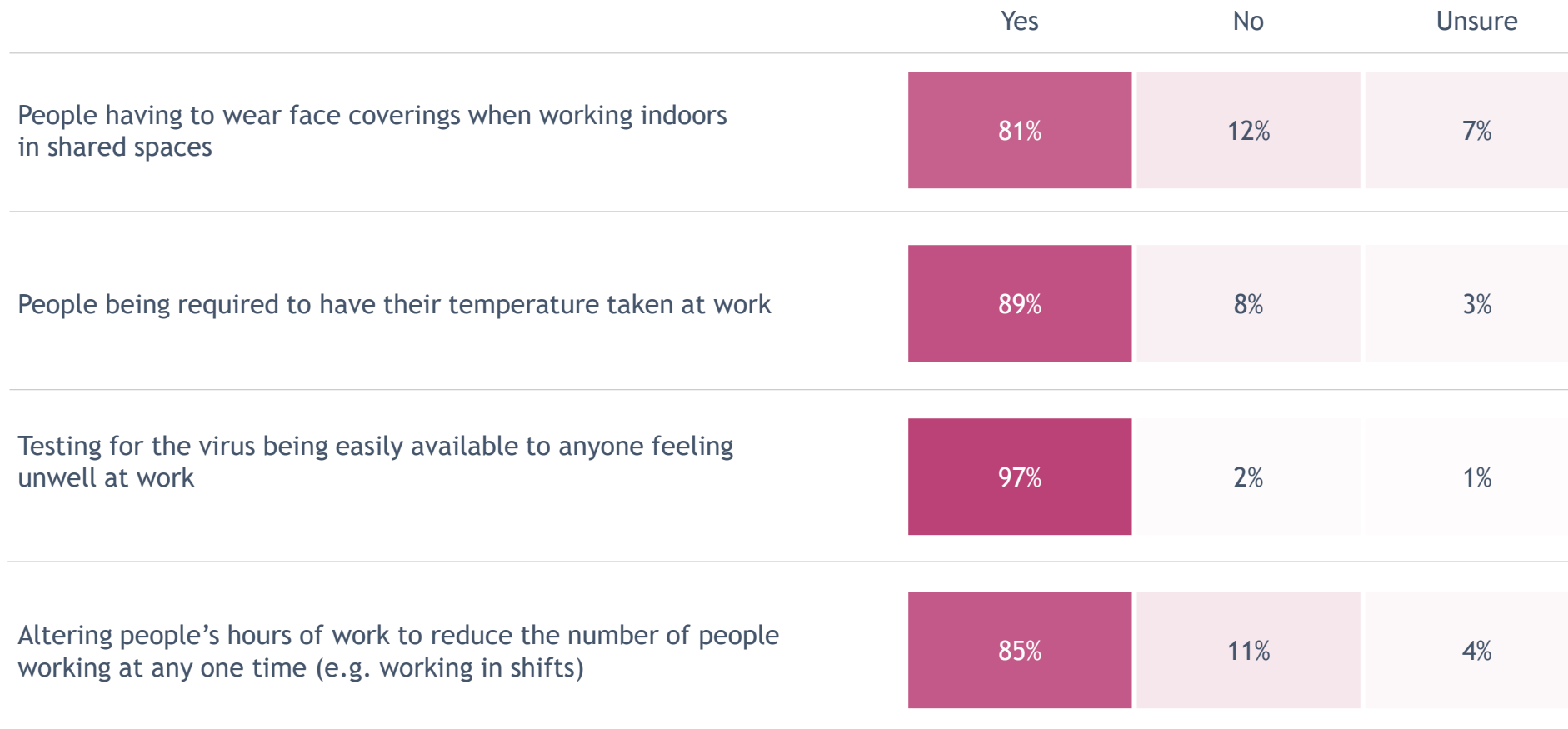
Disagree 44%



Undecided 15%



To make it safe for people to return to work, which of these measures would you support?



In the past 7 days, on how many days have you left your home?



In the past 7 days, on how many days have you left your home...

	0 days	1-2 days	3-4 days	5+ days
...to work	60%	8%	10%	22%
...to shop	25%	54%	12%	9%
...for medical reasons	82%	18%	1%	<1%
...to exercise	41%	15%	11%	32%
...to meet family/friends	50%	38%	8%	4%

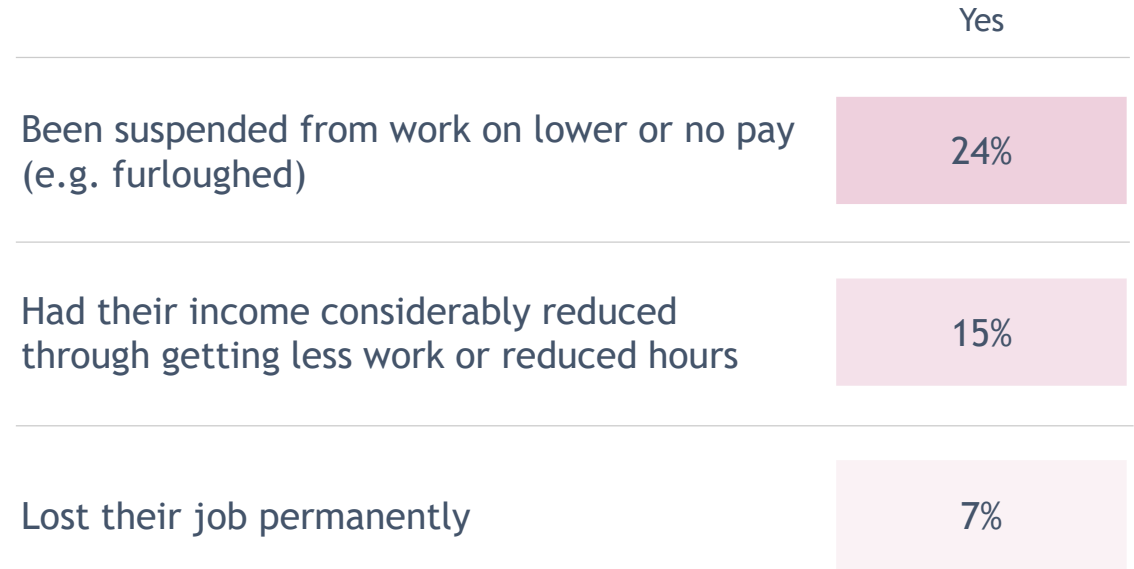
What are we worried about?

Over the past week, how much have the following been worrying you?

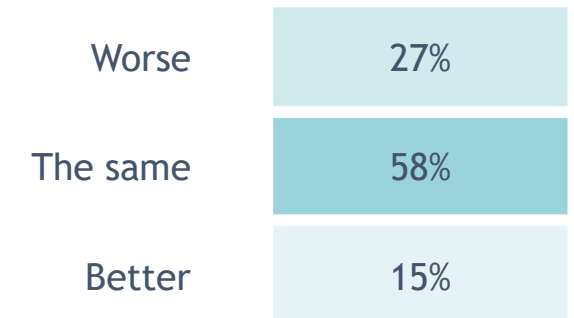
	Not at all	A little	A lot
Becoming seriously ill with coronavirus	39%	44%	17%
Losing someone you love to the virus	24%	36%	40%
The wellbeing of your children*#~	27%	31%	42%
Your children's education*#~	22%	33%	46%
Your marriage or relationship with a partner#~	77%	13%	10%
Losing your job or not being able to find one#~	68%	14%	18%
Work, even if your job is secure#~	58%	23%	19%
Your finances	66%	20%	14%

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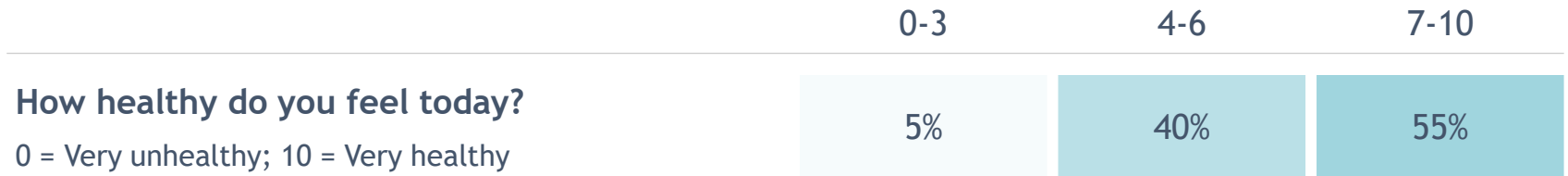
As a result of coronavirus, have you or anyone in your household...



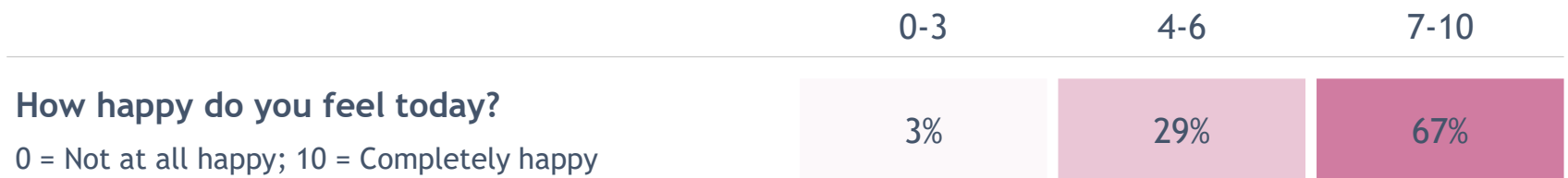
As a result of coronavirus restrictions, would you say your current financial situation is?



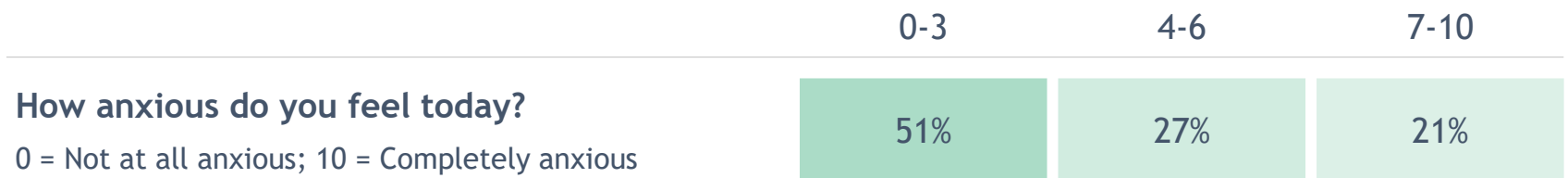
Feeling healthy



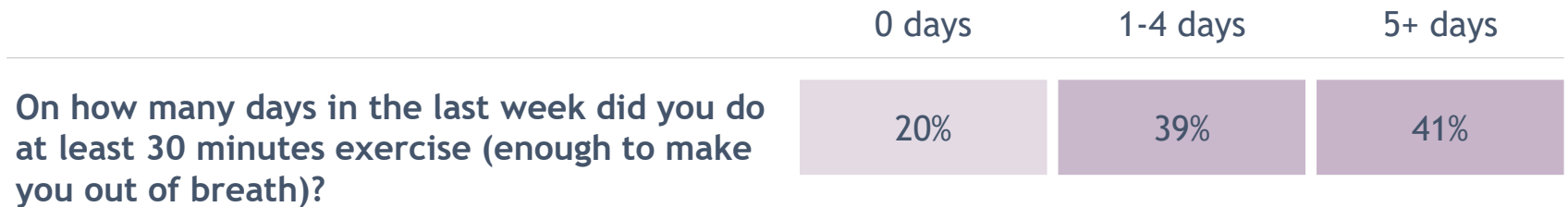
Feeling happy



Feeling anxious



Exercise



In the last week, how often have you felt...

	Lonely	Isolated
Never	63%	57%
Occasionally	24%	27%
Often	6%	12%
Always	7%	4%

Over the past week, how much have the following been worrying you?

Your mental health and wellbeing

Not at all	56%
A little	27%
A lot	18%

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How are you doing?

For general information on how to look after yourself, your friends and family during the coronavirus restrictions visit:
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